Monitoring water quality by Kudremukh Company

2505. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kudremukh silt goes into the river Bhadra and is polluting the water with this iron ore;

(b) whether any regular tests on the water are being conducted to ensure the water quality, so that water could remain usable for both the human beings and the animals; and

(c) what monitoring Kudremukh Company does in the upstream and downstream of Bhadra River to ensure the quality of water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production of Steel

2506. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of steel in the Public and Private sectors in the country increased during the last three years;

(b) whether Government are monitoring the Steel Industry in the private sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps being taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. The production of Finished (Carbon and Alloy) Steel and Crude Steel in both the Public and Private Sector has increased as detailed below:

(in million tonnes)

Year/Sectors	Crude/Liquid Steel		Finished (Carbon and Alloy) Steel	
	Public	Private	Public	Private
1999-2000	12.85	12.80	8.81	19.65
2000-2001	13.68	13.20	9.84	20.47
2001-2002	14.01	13.95	10.13	21.49